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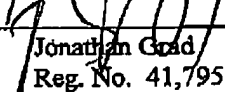
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed November 18, 2004.

Attached please find the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's Amendment document with a complete listing of the claims.

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